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TAGS: ENRG, SA, US

SUBJECT:TIMES REPORT OF SAUDI OIL PRICE CUT

1. OCTOBER 29 NEW YORK TIMES FRONTPAGES REPORT BY CORRESPONDENT, TERENCE SMITH, THAT SAUDI ARABIA PLANS TO ANNOUNCE SHORTLY MODEST REDUCTION IN PRICE OF HER OIL AND FREEZING OF PRICE AT NEW LEVEL FOR ONE YEAR. SMITH CITES "INFORMED ARAB SOURCE." PRICE REDUCTION, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, WOULD BE LESS THAN 1 DOL. OTHER OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW WITH SIMILAR REDUCTIONS SHORTLY AFTER SAUDI ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH EXPECTED WITHIN NEXT WEEK ACCORDING TO SOURCE. STORY SAYS DROP IN PRICES EXPECTED TO BE DESCRIBED AS "GESTURE TOWARDS EUROPE AND THE OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THEIR POLITICAL SUPPORT OF THE ARAB CAUSE." (SMITH STORY DATELINED RABAT.)

2. FOR RABAT - WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER PETROLEUM PRICES WERE DISCUSSED DURING ARAB SUMMIT.

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3. FOR JIDDA - WE ASSUME SMITH'S ARTICLE IS BASED ON

SAUDI PROPOSAL TO LOWER PRICE OF PARTICIPATION OIL WHILE  
RAISING PRICE OF EQUITY OIL OUTLINED IN JIDDA'S 6043. INGERSOLL

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